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SUBJECT:LPDR NOTE ASKING FOR LIST OF AMERICANS REGISTERED
WITH CONSULAR SECTION

REF: VIENTINE 2876

1. APPRECIATE ANALYSIS PROVIDED REFTEL. EMBASSY SHOULD
REPLY TO MFA NOTE IN DUE COURSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
AMERICANS TRAVELLING OR LIVING ABROAD ARE NOT REQUIRED TO
REGISTER WITH AMERICAN EMBASSIES ABROAD, ALTHOUGH SOME
CITIZENS DO SO VOLUNTARILY. AMERICAN LAW PRECLUDES RELEASE
OF NAMES OF THOSE CITIZENS REGISTERED WITH EMBASSY AS
REQUESTED IN MFA NOTE OF DECEMBER 9. EMBASSY THEREFORE
REGRETS IT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE LIST REQUESTED.

2. ON TIMING, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH OTHER NON-
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COMMUNIST MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE SO THAT MFA RECEIVES U.S.

REPLY ABOUT SAME TIME AS OTHERS ARE RESPONDING. DEPARTMENT ALSO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO LET OTHER EMBASSIES YOU HAVE ALREADY CONSULTED KNOW THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF U.S. LAW (PRIVACY ACT OF 1974), WE WILL GIVE NEGATIVE REPLY TO MFA REQUEST.

3. FYI. PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 SUPERSEDES FAM REGULATIONS

CITED IN VIENTIANE 2867, AND ANY DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NAME-RETRIEVABLE FILES, INCLUDING CONSULAR REGISTRATION FILES, MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THAT ACT. END FYI, KISSINGER

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